

## Please note that effective October 5, 2004 the following changes apply to Letters of Intent for IIR and NRI.

- \* For health services IIR submissions, the requirement to submit an LOI is rescinded effective immediately -- Investigators planning to submit IIR proposals for the December 15 deadline are not required to submit an LOI.
- \* Stations with investigators submitting proposals for HSR&D IIR are requested to submit a notification of intent to submit per instructions distributed prior to the June 15, 2004 deadline. Additional guidance on this process will be forwarded by HSR&D within the next few weeks.
- \* Please note that this change for HSR&D applies only to IIR submissions.

Questions regarding these changes may be addressed to Caryn Cohen at 202-254-0218 or via email at  $\underline{\text{caryn.cohen@hq.med.va.gov}}$ .

HSR&D encourages investigators to also communicate with the appropriate portfolio manager, as identified on the HSR&D web site <a href="http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/research/portfolio.cfm">http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/research/portfolio.cfm</a> .

\* For NRI submissions, the LOI requirement is rescinded effective immediately.

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